

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. After entry of the above amendments, claims 1-11 will be still pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-11 as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,717,830 issued to Sigler et al. (Sigler). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Per Claims 1, 4, 6, and 8, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose the claimed invention. Specifically, Sigler does not disclose “receiving an indication from a controller that the communication device has been unregistered from a net” or “reregistering the communication device to become a participant in the net.” On the contrary, Sigler only determines whether a speaker is inactive for a predetermined threshold period of time, and if so, the speaker is removed. (Col. 17, lines 54-59). There is no mention of these limitations in Sigler, and the Examiner has not shown where Sigler discloses these limitations.

Per Claims 3, 5, 7, and 10, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose “receiving an indication that a user wishes to engage in a point-to-point call, the communication device being registered in a net;” “un-registering the communication device from the net,” “allowing the user to engage in the point-to-point call,” “receiving an indication that the point-to-point call is terminated,” and “reregistering the communication device to become a participant in the net.” There is no mention of these limitations in Sigler, and the Examiner has not shown where Sigler discloses these limitations.

Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose at least the above limitations, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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